

The prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist call through the ages: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" This second Sunday of Advent we gather to do just that. Welcome. Here at Fairfield, we offer a contemporary service at 9:00; Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 and our traditional service at 11:00. Please ask Dr. Steve Starzer, Rev. Mike Watson or any of the ushers for information on various programs and ministries. You may also call the church office at (804) 730-7164 or e-mail us: office@fairfieldpcusa.org or visit our website: www.fairfieldpcusa.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

Amy Atkinson

Chuck Chelette

Keith & Debbie Curran's niece

Tim Gulliver's sister, Pam

Fred McCall & family

Jack Mitchell

Tony Underdown

Barbara vanSteenburgh's relatives

Billy Walls

All who serve our nation here and
abroad.

Please call the church office (804) 730-7164 or let a pastor know at the end of the service for someone to be on our prayer list. **Names will normally be listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bill & Judie Thompson to the glory of God and in celebration of their grandson, Henry's 10th birthday.

We are blessed to have some amazing artists in our midst. Each Sunday in Advent, and for Christmas Eve, our bulletin cover will feature artwork related to the Scripture text, created by one of our own artists. Thanks be to God! Today's cover is done by Ken Hayden. Thank you Ken for your amazing art!

Infant/Toddler: Marge Wantz & Angela Schwartz

Next Week: Linda Daugherty & Nikki Glass

Today we welcome our newest member, Sally Kovacs. Sally has transferred here from Tappahannock Presbyterian Church. Her address is 1974 Kennington Park Road, Aylett, VA 23009. Her phone number is (412) 398-3339. You can email her at sallyannmusek@gmail.com. Welcome Sally!

The **ALL CHURCH NIGHT** will take place this afternoon beginning at 4:30pm. Bring your whole family! Joy Choir for the young ones, youth group and adults will have the Advent Bible study.

The Men of the Church will meet on **Tuesday, December 12** starting at 7:00am at Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Bell Creek Road. All men are invited to join us for good food and fellowship!

The Joyful Readers Circle will get together on **Tuesday, December 12, 6:30pm** for their Christmas dinner. Please join us! Call Sue Putze if you are planning on attending!

2024 Pledges: It is not too late to get your pledge in for 2024. We can't tell you how pleased we are with the pledges that have been made so far! Thank you for your continuing generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through Fairfield Church!! We do know, there are a few of you who haven't gotten them in yet and it would be helpful for your Stewardship and Finance Team to have the clearest possible understanding of our resources if you could turn in your pledge card.

Santa's Workshop: Saturday, December 16 from 5:00-7:00pm in the Heritage Hall. All children are invited! The children will make and wrap their own gifts at various craft stations, plus pizza, cookie decorating, face painting and hot cocoa! Bring your children to the fun event!

As fall turns to winter, our homeless population often suffers due to the cold. Please prayerfully consider Giving the Gift of Warmth to those less fortunate by providing your gently used blankets and gloves. You can support this very worthy cause by placing your contributions in the box located in the narthex from November through January.

We want to remind you that the fiscal year for the church is the calendar year, so **all contributions for 2023 will need to be in by Sunday, December 31.** We know that many of you use your giving to the church as a part of your tax planning, so we wanted to make sure you knew when your contributions would be accounted to you. We also know that there are a few who diligently desire to fulfill your pledges for the year, so we wanted you to know this as well.

Blue Christmas Service: December 21st, 7:00pm in the sanctuary. For those who have had losses – a loved one's passing, a relationship broken, a job lost, or other circumstances, we offer this special worship on a December evening. Let the holidays become a time of peace and reflection. We will pray and sing and light candles in celebration of life and for hope and healing in Christ, the Light of the World. Please join us.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec. 10	Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)	9:00am
	Sunday School for all ages!	9:45am
	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church Worship Service (FC)	11:00pm
	All Church Night!	4:30pm
	Advent Bible Study (#20)	4:30pm
Dec. 11	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
Dec. 12	Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel Rest.)	7:00am
	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Joyful Reader's Circle (Heritage Hall)	6:30pm
	Session Meeting (#20)	7:30pm
Dec. 13	Girl Scout Troop 557 (#20)	5:30-7:00pm
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary)	7:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Dec. 14	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30-9:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	7:00pm
Dec. 16	New Beginnings Church Choir Practice (#14)	12:30-1:30pm
	Santa's Workshop (Heritage Hall & #20)	5:00-7:00pm

Reminder: Please be sure to call the church office if you would like to use a room for a meeting or event. A room to meet in might not always be available if it isn't on the calendar. This also helps Donna from "overbooking" rooms due to conflicts. You can also get the latest updates to our calendar online at www.fairfieldpcusa.org.

On December 24, at all of our services, we will collect funds for the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Through this offering we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God. We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much. Please mark your envelope "Joy Gift"

